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2019 Hamfest Letter from our President

Well folks, the 2019 AARA Hamfest is officially in the books. There were many members who worked tirelessly from the planning, set up, execution, forums, prizes, bingo, auction, sweets, vendors and so on and so on. I would do this club a complete injustice if I were to attempt to recognize each person who had a hand in making this such a successful event. With that said, my hat's off to all who participated.

If you would recall, several months ago we began discussing alternative fund-raising events and we should keep those thoughts in our minds. The City of Rayne was a huge help in our ability to keep the Hamfest scheduled. With rising costs of building rental, it was a huge relief to have the assistance of the City of Rayne to help offset that cost.

I elected to take a back-seat role in this year's event to make some mental notes on how we could improve on our venue. I set up a small table with non-radio related items and for the target audience, I did relatively well. On the flip side, I made it a point to ask folks their thoughts of the gathering and 99% of the folks that I spoke with had nothing but positive things to say about our club and the venue. This is just a small testament of the level of character our club has in the eyes of the general public. Of the other 1% of comments, the biggest one I received was that of the temperature. A few folks stated that it was relatively cold and that we needed to raise the temperature just a tad. I would certainly agree that at times, I too was a bit cold and had to reach for a jacket. That was certainly better than it being too hot or stuffy. All in all, if that is the only thing that we need to improve on then we are certainly firing on all cylinders.

As we inch closer to the 2019 Field Day activities, we should keep the 2020 Hamfest as an ongoing topic of conversation. As we all know, it takes a tremendous amount of planning to see this event through and the sooner we can put those fresh ideas on the table, the better we will be. I will keep this as a running topic for our monthly meetings and I am looking forward to hearing your ideas.

Respectfully,

Chris Ancelet N5MCY

AARA GENERAL MEETING

April 4 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

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Lafayette Science Museum
433 Jefferson Street
Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM
145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA
EchoLink Node: 370324

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AARA HAMFEST MAIN PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS

Friday March 8, 2019

1st **Yaesu FT-70 DR VHF/UHF FM/C4FM Digital Mode Handheld**

John Cunniff W4JHC of Lafayette, LA

2nd **ICOM ID-51A PLUS2 - VHF/UHF D Star Handheld**

George Morvant NZ5O of Broussard, LA

Saturday March 9, 2019

GRAND PRIZE:

ICOM IC-7300 - HF/50 Mhz Transceiver

Sandra Grimes KG5SIR of Palestine, TX

2nd Prize:

ICOM IC-5100A - VHF/UHF D Star Mobile

Randy Jackson KY4RJ of Bossier City, LA

3rd Prize:

MFJ 269C - 530KHz-230MHz plus 415-470MHz

HF/VHF/UHF SWR Antenna Analyzer

with accessories

James Titus KD1WR of Hunting, NY

4th Prize:

MFJ 4230MVP PSU - 30 amp Switching Power Supply

Sidney Boudreaux N5AKD of Westwego, LA

FOXHUNT WINNER - Prize 100 Raffle Tickets

Logan Hebert KG5LLM

14662 Charter Place

Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Congratulations to all these people.

And a special **THANK YOU** to all who were able to attend our Hamfest. Come back next year!

145.410 Repeater / Lydia, Louisiana

This is to inform all area hams that the Repeater formally known as the DX repeater, 145.41/148.81 just east of New Iberia is on the air again. The repeater has a tone of 123 and is open to all amateurs. We welcome all visitors and travelers to our repeater.

Please, as a courtesy, Identify when first keying up the repeater. There after, identify every ten minutes as required by FCC rules. The repeater times out at 70 seconds of continuous use.

73, Mel WD5CAE

March 2019



VE TEST SESSION

Test Session Results

9 March 2019

The HamFest proved to be quite interesting in as much as everyone attack me as I walked in the building which isn't a bad thing but slowed me down on getting ready. We did still manage to get a few good Hams from the bunch.

*Those that made it to Tech were: Tiffany Clark **KI5DUG** of Baton Rouge, Sidney T. Purdy **KI5DUF** of Lafayette, Bruce Johnson **KI5DUE** of New Roads, Yancey J. Mire **KI5DUC** of Lafayette, Wilmer A. Farcier **KI5DUB** of Kaplan, Georgia Davis **KF7AGU** of Shreveport & Claude R. Corley Jr **KI5DTZ** of Lafayette.*

*Those making it to General were: Kayden A. Morgan **KI5DCQ** of Denham Springs, Charles D. Gill of Baton Rouge, Lawrence J. (Jeff) Arena **KF5FNT** of Opelousas, Tina M. Galler **KA5HSL** of Morgan City & William A Tindall **K5TIN** of Praieville.*

*Those attaining Amateur Extra were: Gerard O. Hawxhurst **KF5KAD** of Albany, Ronald L. Durand **WB5QWL** of New Iberia, Anthony Cavell **W5JAC** of Baton Rouge & Zeralda LaGrange **AG5TS** of Carencro who took it to the top from nothing to Amateur Extra in one session.*

The VEs in attendance were: Greg ~K5LFT, Mitch ~KB5TWL, Rick ~KF5KEL, MiCk ~KI5ARX, Douglas ~WB5OZA, Kirby ~KI5EE, Synomen ! KG5IRS Terry W5TMP & Brett ~KG5IQU.

TNX to to all VEs and congratulations to all that passed & or upgraded....

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT



**BRANDON G. "GIL" BREAUX, W5GBX****Silent Key** August 27, 1935, March 23, 2019

Brandon G. "Gil" Breaux, W5GBX, 83, of Beaumont, died Saturday, March 23, 2019. He was born on August 27, 1935, in Port Acres, to Pansy L. Rowley and Adolph L. Breaux. Gil was a United States Army veteran and he retired from DuPont as a chemical operator.

He is survived by his wife, Marcy Breaux, Beaumont; sons, Brandon Christian Breaux, of Hamshire and Art Van Dorn, of Beaumont; daughters, Terri Lynn Breaux-West, of Hamshire; Lisa Van Dorn and Julianna Garcia and her husband, Hugo, all of McAllen; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Courtney L. Breaux and his wife, Toni, of Groves; and sister-in-law, Linda Breaux, of Belton.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Curtis E. Breaux and Richard Breaux.

A gathering of Mr. Breaux's family and friends will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at Broussard's, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. A graveside service will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at Pine Ridge Cemetery, 13430 Highway 421, Sour Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Humane Society of Southeast Texas, P.O. Box 1429, Beaumont, Texas 77704.

**Barry McCall KF5SYN Silent Key**

October 13, 1956 - March 11, 2019

Barry Laine McCall, 62, of Lake Charles, LA passed away at his residence on March 11, 2019. A life-long resident of Lake Charles, Barry was born on October 13, 1956 in Jennings, LA to Harley and Alberta Dehart McCall.

Barry McCall KF5SYN, a member of the Lake Charles Amateur Radio Club, became a Silent Key, died when a tower fell that he was dismantling and crushed him.

Barry worked as an electrician at Firestone Polymers for over 40 years and was a longtime member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He was the backbone of the bus and children's ministry as he reached out to children of all ages and backgrounds. He also served as Deacon at the church for over 30 years.

Barry was the founder and operator of KELB and KEBL, Southern Gospel Christian Radio station, "Eternal Life Broadcasting". He was also an avid ham radio operator. He was a founding member and treasurer of the Southwest Louisiana O Gauge Model Railroad Club. Barry was a "Jack of All Trades", willing to work on anything and help anyone who needed him.

More than any of these activities, the thing he loved more than anything else was spending time with his wife, his children and his grandchildren.



Come join us on Saturday, **April 27, 2019** for the Northeast Louisiana Hamfest. Meet friends, enjoy great food, attend informative forums, or find a great flea market deal!

Location:

West Monroe Convention Center, 901 Ridge Ave, West Monroe, LA.

Doors open at 8:00 AM on Saturday; set-up for vendors and flea market on Friday, 2 PM 'til 5 PM.

\$5 Entry Fee. Raffle tickets can be purchased: 6 tickets for \$5, or 25 tickets for \$20. You can purchase tickets online at: <http://NELARC.org/tickets>

Dealers and Vendors (committed as of March 7):

Palmetto Antennas
MCM Computers
The Sign Man of Baton Rouge

Forums:

Using JS8Call Digital Mode
ARRL Update
Louisiana Contest Club

Raffle Prizes:

Icom IC-7300 HF/6M Transceiver
RigExpert AA-35 Antenna Analyzer
Kenwood TH-K20A 2M Handheld

Table Reservation

Reserve your table today! Tables are \$10 each; electricity, if needed, is an additional \$10. You can reserve your tables online and pay with PayPal at:

<http://NELARC.org/tables>

Testing

Upgrade or get your ham radio license...License exams for all classes begin at 9:00 AM sharp on Saturday. Please let us know you are coming by filling out and submitting an application for testing on our web site:

<http://NELARC.org/testing>

Talk-in on 146.85 (no tone)

<http://NELARC.org/hamfest>

March 2019 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	99		116	KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn Net	4	33		83	N5MCY Chris
Silent Key Memorial Net	5	49		91	KD5JSM Danny
Thursday Night Net Cancelled for now					

Error is a hardy plant; it flourisheth in every soil.

~~~ Martin Farquhar Tupper

## AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

The 146.820 and 443.00 repeater located on the Chase Towers downtown Lafayette are down indefinitely due to roof repairs. The Monday Night Net and the Silent Key Memorial Net is being held on the 147.040 repeater in Duson, LA until repairs are made. The 145.410 in Lydia is back up, PL of 123.0.

The April 2019 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 04/01/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 04/08/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 04/15/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 04/22/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Chris N5MCY  |
| 04/29/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | TBD          |

## REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The April schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.



### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|       |        |         |
|-------|--------|---------|
| 03/31 | N0JA   | John    |
| 04/06 | KE5JXC | Arnold  |
| 04/08 | KF5BET | Galen   |
| 04/13 | N4ELM  | Dave    |
| 04/16 | KF5KEL | Ric     |
| 04/21 | KF5BEW | Abbi    |
| 04/23 | KG5LQM | Brandon |
| 05/06 | W4HVH  | John    |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

## The Two "Entry-Level" Petitions Now Accepting Comments are Very Different

ARRL.org March 21, 2019

The FCC recently invited public comment on ARRL's 2018 Technician Enhancement Petition for Rule Making (RM-11828). It asks the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. It does not seek to create a new Amateur Radio license class.

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide present and future Technicians with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, and with RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters.

The FCC has also invited public comment on an entirely unrelated Petition for Rule Making (RM-11829), filed in 2017 by ARRL member Gary A. Hampton, AD0WU, of Longmont, Colorado. Hampton has asked the FCC to create a new "Tyro" entry-level license class, which would require a minimal online examination as well as mentoring by an Amateur Radio licensee of Technician class or higher. Tyro licensees would have to be at least 11 years old and would earn operating privileges on 99 channels in a 70-centimeter segment that Hampton calls a "TyroSubBand." It would offer no HF privileges.

These are not competing petitions. Members of the Amateur Radio community should evaluate both proposals on their own merits and comment if they desire. ARRL has provided a summary of the Technician Enhancement proposals and explained their advantages.

Interested parties have 30 days to comment on both proposals. For information on how to file comments, visit "How to Comment on FCC Proceedings" at <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/how-comment>.

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## Bakelite Patent Awarded 100 Years Ago

From ARRL.org newsletter February 29, 2019

Radio amateurs of a certain age are more familiar than most newcomers with the trade name Bakelite, which derives its name from its inventor Leo Baekeland, who developed Bakelite phenolic resin, the first thermosetting plastic, in 1907. His process patent for making insoluble products of phenol and formaldehyde -- the components of Bakelite -- was filed that year, and Baekeland was awarded a patent a century ago come this December. Bakelite found a place in numerous technologies, including early ham gear and radios, widely employed as an insulating material.



Once a Bakelite product is formed, it will not change shape or melt under heat. In compression molding, the resin is generally combined with fillers such as wood or asbestos before it's pressed into the ultimate product shape. Tube sockets often were constructed using Bakelite. It later found its way into such products as jewelry. In February 1909, Baekeland officially announced his achievement at a meeting of the New York section of the American Chemical Society.

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## Using Your Noodle for Halyard Protection



Sailors know that a line rubbing against a fixed object such as a dock can soon fray and part. To protect lines and halyards in those situations, they often wrap the line with fabric "chafing gear" to reduce wear on the line.

Swimming pool noodles protect halyards at the Delaware Valley Radio Association's club station W2ZQ. [Photo courtesy of Gary Wilson, W2GW]

The Delaware Valley Radio Association's club station W2ZQ had two antenna halyards that were rubbing against the shack's roofline. To prevent their parting and, thus, dropping the wire antennas were supporting, the club needed to do something.

The solution appeared in a neighbor's trash, where two swimming pool "noodles" had been discarded. Such foam toys often have a hollow center, so slicing them lengthwise allows them to be easily slipped around the halyards. These then were placed near the contact point and secured with short pieces of string (cable ties would work too) to keep them from sliding out of position.

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*Share the Fun ~  
Bring a Friend  
to be a HAM.*

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2019 ARRL Field Day is June 22-23**

**Field Day is always held on the 4th full weekend in June.**

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### **CHICKEN and VEGETABLES**

Four (4) skinless/boneless chicken breasts cut up into 1" pieces.  
One (1) large or two small onions, cut in eight pieces each (1/8's).  
One (1) large bell pepper cut in 1" square pieces.  
Two (2) stalks of celery cut in 1" pieces    Flour and oil.  
Two (2) chicken bouillon cubes.    One (1) can of chicken broth.  
One (1) can of whole tomatoes    Salt, Pepper, onion and garlic powder.

Season the chicken pieces with salt, Pepper, onion and garlic powder.  
Coat chicken pieces with flour. In a deep skillet, small soup pot, or Dutch oven, brown in about 1/4" of oil. Remove chicken and drain to paper towels.

Remove all but 1 Tablespoon of oil and add in the vegetables. Sauté for a short time and then add in chicken and the tomatoes with juice, the bouillon cubes, and the can of broth. Cook over medium heat for about half hour or until the chicken is done. If too thick, add a little water. Serve over steamed rice.

NOTE: Can add sliced smoked sausage if desired.

### ***FCC Information Service***

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

*[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).*

**FCC Website:**

*<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>*

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.*

*<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>*

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